Ltd., Calcutta and a Maharashtra State Government Agency for setting up of a unit for manufacture of processed extruded snacks, processed nut potato chips and non-alcoholic beverage bases/essences in a backward district of Maharashtra by setting up a new company to be known as BRITCO Foods Pvt. Ltd. Reserve Bank of India has granted approval to M/s. Kellog Company of USA to enter into financial-cum-technical collaboration with proposed Indian company viz., M/s. Kellogg (India) Limited for setting up of cereal processing unit in Raigarh District, Maharashtra under automatic approval schemes.

(c) Yes, Sir. For encouraging the growth of food processing industry Government have placed all food processing industries except brewing and distillation of alcoholic drinks/beverages in the list of priority industries and have liberalised foreign technology agreement, foreign investments, foreign collaborarations etc. Government provided fiscal relief by abolishing/reducting excise duties on a large number of processed food items and reducing customs duties on a large number of food processing machinery and equipments. For export promotion, various incentive schemes havve been announced and export import policy have been liberalised.

Food Processing units in Bihar

1815. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any scheme or action plan for the development and establishment of food processing industries in the State of Bihar;

(b) if no, what are the details thereof;

(c) if answer to (a) above be in the negative whether Government propose to make a survey in Bihar about its suitability for setting up food processing industries in the State and advise the industrialists including multinationals to set up food processing units in Bihar; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) While this Ministry does not set up food processing units in any State directly, the Ministry has formulated several development plan schemes for providing assistance to State Governments/State Government Organisations/Cooperatives/Joint Sectors/ Assisted sectors of for setting up, modernisation/diversification of food processing units in any parft of the country including State of Bihar. These schemes interalia include assistance for setting up/ enlarging/modernising fruit and vegetable processing units. meat, pork, popultry and egg processing units, fish processing units, cold chain, modernisation of rice hullers food procesing training centres and studies including survey and project report preparation for food processing sector. No request has been received from Government of Bihar sseeking assistance for survey/studies.

World Bank funds for deep sea fisheries

1816. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food and Agricultural Organisatiou of the United Nations has recently recommended to the World Bank to make available funds for the development of deep sea fisheries in India;

(b) if so, the expected funds Government likely o get from the World Bank;

(c) the details of the plans of the Government to utilise the funds; and

(d) the extent to which the development of deep sea fisheries would be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) While forwarding a Report submitted by FAO Consultant on Study of Deep Sea Fisheries Development in India, FAO has intimated that

the Report was also being forwarded to the World Bank with a recommendation for funding initially for the follow-up mission and subsequently for full project implementation.

(b) to (d) No formal request has been made to World Bank for funding of the project. The report has been discussed at interministerial level recently aand a proposed line of action prepared.

Assistant to deep sea fishing industry in Andhra Pradesh

1817. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 397 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13-7-1992 and state:

(a) what are the details of the liberalised terms of rehabilitation for deep-sea fishing industry in Andhra Pradesh which were announced in June 1992;

(b) whether these liberalised terms of rehabilitation are being actually implemented; and

(c) if so, what is the stage to implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) A scheme for rehabilitation of deep sea fishing industry in general was announced on 4-4-91 by the Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India Limited, Bombay which was applicable to the deep sea fishing industry in Andhra Pradesh also. This scheme was furthed liberalised in June, 1992 by providing evtension of time for making the upfront payment, more time for commencement of the recomputed principal repayment etc. A large number of proposals have been approved for rehabilitation and these are at various wages of implementation by the Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India Limited, Bombay.

Files in the bottle of Maaza

1818. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that five flies have been found in a bottle of Maaza as shown in a picture in the Jansatta (Delhi) dated the 2nd July, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) News Paper 'Jansatta' (Delhi) has published a picture of 'Maaza' bottle containing some foreign matter in its issue dated 2-7-1992. The quality of fruit products are checked, regulated and action is taken if the products do not conform to the specifications laid down under the provisions for Prevention of Food Adulteration Act and Fruit Products' Order (FPO). Action under FPO has been initiated.

Employment of workers in Pepsi food plant, Hoshiarpur

1819. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the time of setting up Pepsi food plant near Hoshiarpur in Punjab, Pepsi management had assured employment to thousands unemployed workers of the area;

(b) if so, since when the Pepsi Food has started its work; and

(c) the number of persons employed by them so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The original proposal of M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation indicated direct and indirect employment generation of over 20,000 in the first five years via expanision of processed food and beverage markets. Punjab Government had, however, intimated likely employment creation to be of the order of 50,000 nationally including 15,000 in the farm sector.